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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Temperatures averaged near normal over the eastern portion of the State and a few degrees above over the western portion. There was considerable cloudiness, particularly in the eastern portion, but very little precipitation occurred.

CROPS About 71% of the corn was husked by November 29. Snow of the previous week and wet fields have delayed husking, but dry weather with some wind during the past week is bringing the fields in shape again for the operation of mechanical pickers. Some reports indicate that the yields are not up to expectations, and some other reports state that corn is light and is not weighing out. Some feeders are experiencing difficulty in getting corn for feeding.

The outlook for winter wheat continues very good in western Nebraska, not only because of an adequate supply of subsoil moisture, but considerable moisture from November precipitation. November precipitation also improved the surface soil moisture supply in the eastern two-thirds of the State. Wheat shows some improvement, particularly in central and east-central Nebraska. Wheat in southcentral and southeastern Nebraska that had not sprouted is coming up since the rain. Reports indicate some spots in fields in southcentral Nebraska that came up and died before the moisture arrived. While there has been some improvement, there is a question as to how this late wheat will withstand the winter.

The sugar beet harvest was delayed in the North Platte Valley because of the snow and wet soil after the snow melted. Harvesting was resumed again with 10 to 15 percent of the acreage still left to harvest in the North Platte Valley. Other sections are reporting a few beets unharvested, but generally the job is completed. The movement of potatoes from western Nebraska is falling below that of last year so far. The farm labor supply is generally reported ample to surplus.

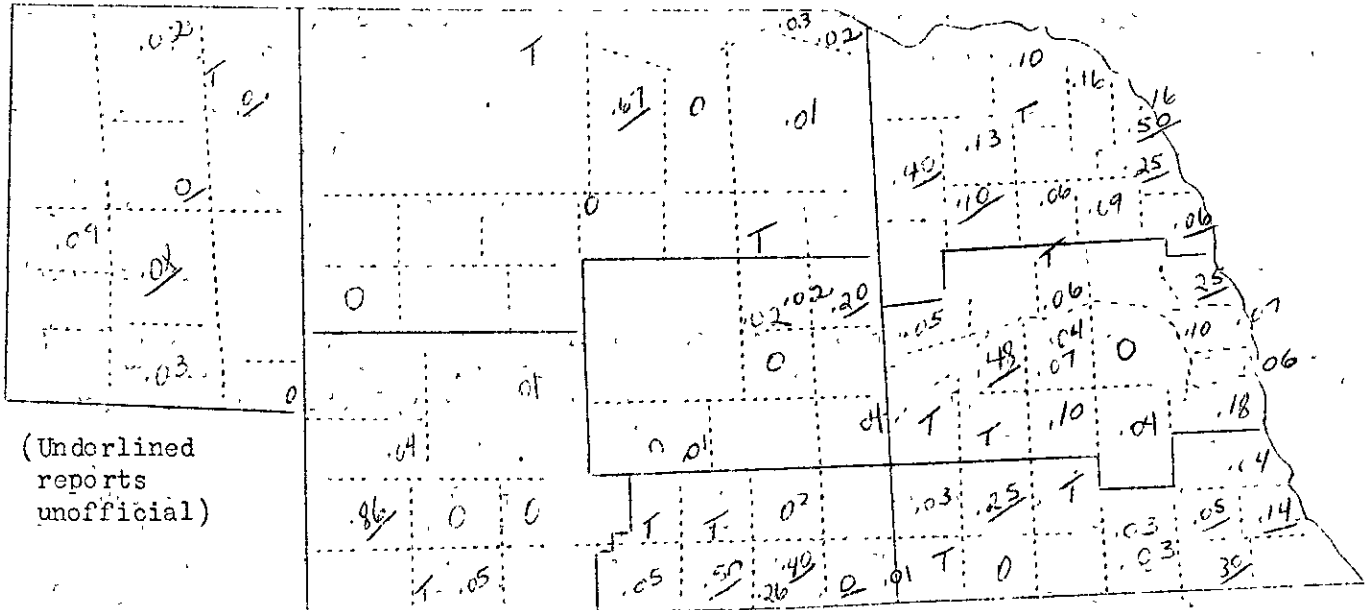
LIVESTOCK While shipments of stocker and feeder cattle to country points to date is approximating that of last season, there is still considerable hesitancy on the part of feeders because of some difficulty in getting corn and also the high price. Present indications are that sheep feeding may equal or exceed that of the past season because of considerable increased feeding in the North Platte Valley. Ranges are reported in splendid condition again since the snow disappeared. Winter wheat pasture is good in western Nebraska, but fields in some localities have been too wet to pasture. Other pasture is very short. The delay in corn husking has limited the available corn stalk pasture. Some reports indicate that hogs are being marketed rapidly. The hog-corn ratio has been unfavorable for increasing weights. Some opinion indicates a decreased spring pig crop.

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WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 1, 1947.

<u>Eastern Division</u>	<u>Central Division</u>	<u>Western Division</u>
Grand Island .03	Burwell 0	Chadron .02
Lincoln .04	North Platte .01	Hayes Center 0
Norfolk .02	Valentine 0	Scottsbluff .09
Omaha .07		Sidney .03
Sioux City .09		

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1947



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURES (For 24 hours ending 6:30 a.m.)

		Nov.		26th		27th		28th		29th		30th		Dec. 1st	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	41	34	43	32	47	29	43	25	52	23	52	27	54	30
	Scottsbluff	42	33	45	35	49	30	44	22	50	25	51	21	56	31
	Sidney	42	34	45	25	49	31	44	21	53	23	50	18	57	28
N-C	Burwell	47	--	43	29	48	--	46	25	53	22	32	21	57	--
	Valentine	41	23	41	30	45	34	42	25	48	24	43	26	57	32
NE	Norfolk	41	17	39	32	38	34	44	27	50	18	29	24	48	33
	Sioux City	39	13	29	25	37	31	42	23	48	11	27	24	44	32
Gen.	Grand Island	47	28	41	29	48	33	47	27	57	26	31	25	55	33
E-C	Lincoln	42	24	40	33	39	33	47	30	54	24	33	22	45	36
	Omaha	39	19	34	27	37	33	43	30	53	20	31	20	44	31
SW	Hayes Center	50	33	50	--	57	32	48	26	57	23	52	23	61	32
	North Platte	47	32	49	24	55	32	47	22	56	22	46	18	60	28

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